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Claim 1 (Withdrawn) A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further including molding, with the tooling, a pattern into the settable material.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein the pattern simulates wood grain.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by

the lid, located medially of the transverse extent of the lid and coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 4 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the settable material is comprised of wood chips and binder.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn) A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header, the tooling having a male portion and a female portion;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

applying the settable material onto one of the male and female portions of the tooling;

molding the settable material by compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling; and
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7 wherein the settable material is applied onto the male portion of the tooling.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7 wherein the female portion of the tooling includes a pattern formed therein which, when the settable material is compressed between the male and female portions of the tooling, transmits the pattern into the settable material.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein the pattern simulates wood grain.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the

plane defined by the lid, located medially of the transverse extent of the lid and coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7 further including applying resin impregnated tissue paper onto the settable material after the settable material has been applied to one of the male and female portions of the tooling and then compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13 wherein the female portion of the tooling includes a pattern formed therein which, when the settable material and resin impregnated tissue paper is compressed between the male and female portions of the tooling, transmits the pattern into the settable material, the resin

impregnated tissue paper forming an outer skin of the casket lid which conforms to the pattern.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14 wherein the pattern simulates wood grain.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by the lid, located medially of the transverse extent of the lid and coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7 wherein the settable material is comprised of wood chips and binder.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn) A one-piece, unitary lid for a casket made according to the method of claim 1.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn) A one-piece, unitary lid for a casket made according to the method of claim 7.

Claim 21 (Original) A casket lid comprising:
a crown;
a pie at one end of said crown, said crown and pie together comprising a cover having a pair of sides and a pair of ends;
a header at one of said ends of said cover opposite from said pie; and
a side rim member at each of said pair of cover sides and an end rim member at the other of said cover ends;
said crown, pie, rim members and header being molded as a one-piece, unitary structure.

Claim 22 (Original) The casket lid of claim 21 wherein said lid is molded from a settable material of wood chips and binder.

~~Claim 23 (Original) The casket lid of claim 21 wherein said crown, pie, rim members and header include a wood grain pattern formed therein.~~

Claim 24 (Previously Amended) A casket lid comprising:

a crown;

a pie at one end of said crown, said crown and pie together comprising a cover having a pair of sides and a pair of ends;

a header at one of said ends of said cover opposite from said pie; and

a side rim member at each of said pair of cover sides and an end rim member at the other of said cover ends;

said crown, pie, rim members and header being molded as a one-piece, unitary structure;

wherein said crown, pie, rim members and header include a wood grain pattern formed therein;

wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid, located medially of the transverse extent of said lid and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

Claim 25 (Original) The casket lid of claim 24 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

Claim 26 (Previously Amended) A casket lid comprising:

a crown;

a pie at one end of said crown, said crown and pie together comprising a cover having a pair of sides and a pair of ends;

a header at one of said ends of said cover opposite from said pie; and

a side rim member at each of said pair of cover sides and an end rim member at the other of said cover ends;

said crown, pie, rim members and header being molded as a one-piece, unitary structure;

wherein said crown, pie, rim members and header include a wood grain pattern formed therein;

further including resin impregnated tissue paper applied to the crown, pie, rim members and header which conforms to said wood grain pattern.

Claim 27 (Original) The casket lid of claim 26 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid, located medially of the transverse extent of said lid and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

Claim 28 (Original) The casket lid of claim 27 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

Claim 29 (Original) A casket lid comprising a crown having opposed end edges, said crown having a wood grain pattern formed therein, wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid, located medially of the transverse extent of said lid and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

Claim 30 (Original) The casket lid of claim 29 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

Claim 31 (Original) The casket lid of claim 29 wherein said crown is molded from a settable material of wood chips and binder.

Claim 32 (Original) The casket lid of claim 29 further including resin impregnated tissue paper applied to the crown which conforms to said wood grain pattern.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn) A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn) A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim, the tooling having a male portion and a female portion;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

applying the settable material onto one of the male and female portions of the tooling;

molding the settable material by compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim.

35. (Currently Amended) A casket lid comprising:

a crown;

a pie at one end of said crown, said crown and pie together comprising a cover having a pair of sides and a pair of ends; and